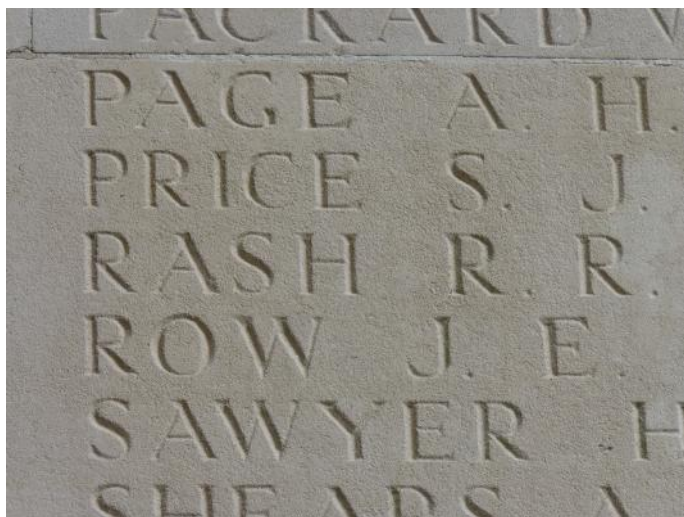


RALPH REGINALD RASH (1910-13)

Date of Birth	7 November 1896
School Information	Sub Prefect. One of 6 brothers to attend the College
Career Information	None
Date Of Death	12 October 1916
Cause of Death	Killed in action
Location	Somme, France
Cemetery	Thiepval Memorial, France
Rank	2 nd Lieutenant
Branch of Service	7 th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment

Below is a picture of his name on the memorial at Thiepval, France



We were contacted by Peter Clarke who had been researching the War Memorials in the village of Wortham, near Diss and came across a couple of Old Framlinghamians - Arnold William Rash and his brother Ralph Reginald Rash - who made the ultimate sacrifice. He point out to us that there was a wonderful stained glass window in the Church of St Mary Wortham to commemorate their sacrifice. While the figures are stylised, he said he wouldn't be surprised if the faces aren't those of these two young men.

Below are some pictures taken in November 2015 of the window with some close ups, particularly of the insignias at the bottom of the window.



The scroll at the foot of the window reads **"In memory of Arnold William Rash 2nd Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the Battle of Passchendaele July 31st 1917 aged 25 & of Ralph Reginald Rash 2nd Lieut, Suffolk Regt. who fell at the battle of the Somme October 12th 1916 aged 20, 4th and 6th sons of J.J. Rash JP of Wortham".**

It is interesting to note that the right hand window contains the emblem of the Suffolk Regiment while the left hand window contains the emblem and motto of the College.



They are also remembered on the War Memorial in Wortham churchyard



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SPINTER, W. RAY
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WHO FELL IN THE
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FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
—
ALSO 1939-1945
ERNEST J. BARTON
ROBERT J. COLLINS
WILLIAM F. POTTER

Peter Clarke also added the following comment "Your web-page commemorating Arnold William follows most published sources in assigning him to the 5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment when he died in the opening battle of Third Ypres (Passchendaele). However the 1st/5th Battalion were in Palestine at that time, while the 2/5 and 3/5 were UK only training units providing drafts to other units as needed. As the war dragged on, that could be to any unit were they were needed, not just Suffolk Regiment ones. In the case of Arnold this was the 1st/1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, a unit with very close ties to the Suffolk Regiment." Our reference to 5th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment comes from the CWGC website and the Chapel memorial also states Suffolk Regiment as does memorial in Wortham Church.

Inside the church of St Mary there is also a framed Roll of Honour for all who served from the village which includes Arnold and Ralph and their brother John (1903-04).

